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Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on April 30, 1991 in the subject application (Paper No. 5), please consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 11 to read as follows:

--1(amended). A synergistic composition for skin depigmentation which does not contain a corticosteroid [comprising] and which consists essentially of effective amounts of 4-hydroxyanisole and (a) at least one retinoid selected from the group consisting of all-trans retinoic acid, (N-acetyl-4-amino-phenyl) retinoate and 11-cis, 13-cis-12-hydroxymethyl retinoic acid δ -lactone in a pharmaceutically acceptable topical vehicle.--

--11 (amended). A method [for] depigmenting skin [depigmentation] which comprises topically applying to the

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